

## **MINUTES**

### **MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 56th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**

#### **COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS**

**Call to Order:** By **CHAIRMAN TOM ZOOK**, on February 17, 1999 at 3:05 P.M., in Room 312 - 2 Capitol.

#### **ROLL CALL**

##### **Members Present:**

Rep. Tom Zook, Chairman (R)  
Rep. Joe Quilici, Vice Chairman (D)  
Rep. Steve Vick, Vice Chairman (R)  
Rep. Beverly Barnhart (D)  
Rep. Ernest Bergsagel (R)  
Rep. Peggy Bergsagel (R)  
Rep. Rosalie (Rosie) Buzzas (D)  
Rep. John Cobb (R)  
Rep. Stan Fisher (R)  
Rep. Dick Haines (R)  
Rep. Royal Johnson (R)  
Rep. Betty Lou Kasten (R)  
Rep. Matt McCann (D)  
Rep. Red Menahan (D)  
Rep. Ray Peck (D)  
Rep. Lila Taylor (R)  
Rep. Joe Tropila (D)  
Rep. John Witt (R)

**Members Excused:** None.

**Members Absent:** None.

**Staff Present:** Joanne Gunderson, Committee Secretary  
Taryn Purdy, Legislative Fiscal Division

**Please Note:** These are summary minutes. Testimony and discussion are paraphrased and condensed. Minutes were recorded on a Sony BI-85 recorder and references are measured in inches rather than minutes.

##### **Committee Business Summary:**

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 13, 2/11/1999  
Executive Action: HB 145, HB 475, HB 185

HEARING ON HB 13Opening Statement by Sponsor:

Rep. Royal Johnson, HD 10, presented HB 13.

{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 6 - 38}

Proponents' Testimony:

Lois Menzies, Department of Administration **EXHIBIT**(aph39a01)

{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 38 - ~~EXHIBIT~~(aph39a02)}

Terry Minow, Montana Education Association (MEA), Montana Teachers Federation (MFT)

{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 142 - 179}

Melissa Case, HERE/VACW

{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 179 - 185; Comments : Could not hear name of organization represented. Initials only on visitors register.}

Carol Bittinger, Montana State University (MSU), Bozeman

{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 185 - 293; Comments " Chairman Zook rebuttal to portion of this witnesses remarks.}

Richard Crofts, Commissioner of Higher Education

{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 293 - 349; Comments : This witness did not sign the visitor register.}

Tom Schneider, Montana Public Employees Association

{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 349 - 442}

Mike Malone, MSU

{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 442 - 450}

President George Dennison, University of Montana (U of M)

{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 0 - 49}

Rod Sundsted, Montana University System

**EXHIBIT**(aph39a03)  
{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 49 - 82}

Attorney General Joe Mazurek

{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 82 - 110}

Margie Thompson, Board of Regents

{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 110 - 162}

Verna Hand, Western Montana College

{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 162 - 182}

**Candace Payne, University Teachers' Union**  
**{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 182 - 202}**

**Opponents' Testimony:** None.

**Informational Testimony:** None.

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**  
**{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 202 - Tape : 2; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 073}**

**Closing by Sponsor:**  
**{Tape : 2; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 73 - 139}**

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 145**

**Motion:** REP. JOHNSON moved that HB 145 DO PASS.

**Motion:** REP. JOHNSON moved that HB 145 BE AMENDED to fund the proposal out of the Governor's budget rather than general funds.

**Discussion:**  
**{Tape : 2; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 139 - 204}**

**Substitute Motion:** REP. JOHNSON made a substitute motion that HB 145 BE AMENDED by striking all of section 2.

**Discussion:**  
**{Tape : 2; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 204 - 226}**

**Substitute Motion/Vote:** REP. E. BERGSAGEL made a substitute motion that HB 145 BE TABLED. Substitute motion carried 10-7 by ROLL CALL VOTE.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 185**

**Motion:** REP. MENAHAN moved that HB 185 DO PASS AS AMENDED.

**Discussion:**  
**{Tape : 2; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 226 - 500}**

**Motion:** REP. E. BERGSAGEL moved that HB 185 BE AMENDED by removing the appropriation from the bill.

**Discussion:**  
**{Tape : 3; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 0 - 1}**

Vote: Motion carried unanimously.

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Discussion:

*{Tape : 3; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 4 - 30}*

Motion: REP. MENAHAN moved that HB 185 BE AMENDED by placing a period after "all."

Discussion:

*{Tape : 3; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 30 - 140; Comments : Rep. Menahan withdrew the motion to amend.}*

Vote: Do Pass as Amended Motion carried 12-6 with P. Bergsagel, Fisher, Kasten, McCann, Taylor, and Vick voting no.

*{Tape : 3; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 140 - 149}*

#### EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 475

Motion/Vote: REP. E. BERGSAGEL moved that HB 475 BE TABLED.

Motion carried 17-1 with Peck voting no.

*{Tape : 3; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 149 - 195; Comments : Agreement to remove from table depending on CI-75 decision.}*

#### EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 555

Motion: REP. TROPILA moved that HB 555 DO PASS.

Discussion:

*{Tape : 3; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 195 - 279; Comments : Rep. Tropila withdrew the motion pending language revision.}*

#### EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 433

Discussion:

*{Tape : 3; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 279 - 305}*

Motion: REP. TROPILA moved that HB 433 DO PASS.

Discussion:

*{Tape : 3; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 305 - 403; Comments : Rep. Tropila withdrew the motion until clarification by Greg Petesch could be made.}*

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 5:50 P.M.

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REP. TOM ZOOK, Chairman

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JOANNE GUNDERSON, Secretary

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**EXHIBIT** (aph39aad)